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WILD BIRDS AND GAME FOWL ARE INCREASING.

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Notable increases in migratory birds, through special protection afforded them under Federal laws, are reported by George A. Lawyer, Chief U. S. Game Warden of the Bureau of Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, as a feature of his recent inspection of the various districts scattered throughout the country. Mr. Lawyer's trip took him practically around the borders and coasts of the entire country, giving him opportunity to observe the condition of the birds in all important wintering sections of the United States.

Wild ducks and geese were found in great abundance, showing the most notable increase of any of the migrator; birds. Greater numbers of upland plever, sand-hill cranes, and Wilson snipe or jacksnipe, were also especially noted. The welfare of the birds was found to be generally satisfactory and promising, although the draining of marsh lands in many places has driven them from some of their old feeding and breeding haunts.

Greater need is evidenced for the Government purchase and maintenance of large tracts of marsh lands, where the birds would be secure from molestation. Such natural asylums, it is said, are becoming fewer and consequently are affording less protection each year, due chiefly to the large areas being reclaimed for commercial purposes. The birds are quick to discover when they are in places where they are safe from hunters.